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The Remarks section begins on page 6.

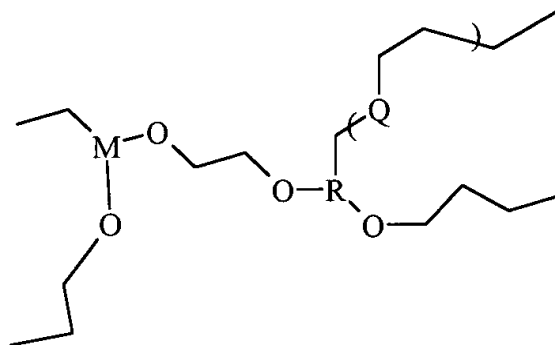
A substituted specification was previously submitted (Reply C). The substituted specification conforms to the typical formalities of a United States patent application. The substituted specification adds no new matter. Pursuant to Examiner's comment on page 4, first full paragraph, in the *Office Action* dated August 6, 2003, Applicants included a statement on page 4, line 6, and page 7, last line (Example 2) that indicates that the polymers of the invention comprise crosslinkages. Specifically, page 4, line 7 states "The spacers of this polymer also include crosslinkage groups." On page 7, last line in Example 2, the following is stated: "It is clear that the final product includes crosslinkages."

Claims 1-15 have been previously canceled.

Please cancel claims 16- 37 and 40-43 without prejudice. Please add new claims 44 to 53.

1-37. (canceled)

38. (previously presented) A polymer having the following structure:



wherein R is an element selected from the group consisting of P, B, and Al, wherein M is an element that is either Si or Ti, wherein Q is an element chosen from the group consisting of S, O, and N, and wherein said phosphorous is either in the +3 or +5 oxidation state.

39. (previously presented) The polymer of claim 38, wherein said polymer has a molecular weight (M_n) ranging from about 400 to about 1,000,000.

40-43. (canceled)

44. (New) A polymer comprising either one or more saturated alkyl or fluoroalkyl carbon links, wherein said links connect alternating nitrogen or oxygen atoms, alternatively, said links connect alternating oxy-phosphorus group and nitrogen, oxy-phosphorous with either an oxy-silicon group, oxyboron, oxyaluminum group or a combination thereof, wherein said oxy-phosphorous group can have a valence of III or V, and wherein said links includes crosslinkage, wherein said polymer has a molecular weight (M_n) of about 200 to about 1 million.

45. (New) A polymer comprising either one or more saturated alkyl or fluoroalkyl carbon links, wherein said links connect alternating sulfur or oxygen atoms, alternatively, said links connect alternating sulfur and oxy-phosphorous group, oxy-phosphorous with either an oxy-silicon group, oxyboron, oxyaluminum group or a combination thereof, wherein said oxy-phosphorous group can have a valence of III or V, and wherein said links includes crosslinkage, wherein said polymer has a molecular weight (M_n) of about 200 to about 1 million.

46. (New) A polymer comprising either one or more saturated alkyl or fluoroalkyl carbon links, wherein said links connect alternating nitrogen atoms and oxyphosphorous groups, alternatively, said links connect either a nitrogen atom and oxyphosphorous group through one or more saturated aryl, alkyl or fluoroalkyl carbon links to an oxy-silicon group, oxyaluminum group or a combination thereof, wherein said oxy-phosphorous group can have a valence of III or V, and wherein said links includes crosslinkage, wherein said polymer has a molecular weight (M_n) of about 200 to about 1 million.

47. (New) The polymer of claim 44 or 46, wherein said nitrogen atoms are either fully or partially substituted with one or more aryl, alkyl or fluoroalkyl tertiary substituents.

48. (New) The polymer of claim 47 further comprising an electrolyte salt, wherein said salt has a weight ratio sufficient to form a polymer electrolyte, and wherein said salt is selected from the group consisting of alkali metal, quaternary ammonium, quaternary phosphonium, sulfonylimide, and sulfonylmethide.

49. (New) The polymer of claim 48, wherein said polymer is cast as a film.

50. (New) The polymer of claim 44 or 46, wherein one or more phosphorous atoms of said polymer are either fully or partially substituted with one or more aryl, alkyl or fluoroalkyl tertiary substituents.

51. (New) The polymer of claim 44 or 46, wherein said nitrogen and phosphorous atoms are either fully or partially substituted with one or more aryl, alkyl or fluoroalkyl substituents.

52. (New) The polymer of claim 44, wherein said polymer is an oxyphosphorous polymer, and wherein said oxyphosphorous polymer is combined with a group selected from the group consisting of oxysilicon, oxyboron, oxyaluminium and a combination thereof.

53. (New) The polymer of claim 44, wherein said links comprise one or more side chain substituents.